

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1 of the specification previously inserted before the first line with the following amended paragraph:

This patent application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/144,122 filed on May 5 10, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8 of the specification beginning at line 7 and ending on line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

As mentioned hereinabove, the location of each of the discrete teeth along jaw surface 34 and the engagement of the corresponding pipe therewith and with teeth 28 and 30 of jaw member 22 provides a camming angle relative to the pipe and which, according to the invention, is maintained between 90° and 150° to optimize gripping of the corresponding pipe. The camming angles for each of the series of pipes referred to hereinabove are shown, sequentially, in Figures 6A-6G. With regard for example to Figure 6A, the camming angle $\angle CA$ for a pipe P1 having a nominal size of 3/8 inch and an OD of 0.675 inch is defined by a line L1 through pivot axis 40 and apex A of discrete tooth T1 and a line L2 from apex A through vertex 32 between surfaces 28 and 30 of jaw member 22. As will be further appreciated from Figure 6A, the camming angle for 3/8 inch nominal size pipe in accordance with the preferred embodiment is 141°. From the foregoing description of Figure 6A, it will be appreciated that the camming angles illustrated in Figures 6B-6G are respectively for pipes P2-P7 having nominal dimensions of, sequentially, 1/2 inch, 3/4 inch, 1 inch, 1-1/4 inches, 1-1/2 inches, and 2 inches.